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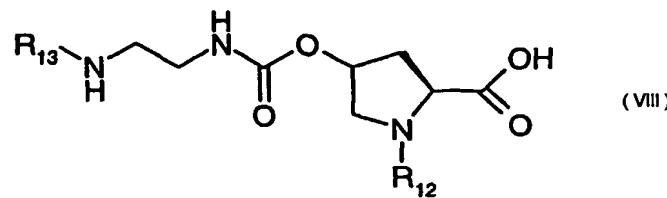
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to processes for preparing peptides and to intermediates involved in such processes, e.g. a process for preparing a compound of formula (VIII) wherein R₁₂ and R₁₃ are as defined herein.